

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING DATA CONTENT**  
**ON A STORAGE AREA NETWORK**

**Abstract**

5 A system and method of transporting volumes of information from one host  
computer system to another using point-in-time copies of LUNs but wherein the  
hardware provider does not necessarily understand the volume configuration of the data.  
The system and method involves an intermediate layer, i.e., a point-in-time copy  
interface layer that communicates with both a requesting host computer system and a  
hardware provider to enable the transfer of volumes of information without requiring that  
10 the hardware provider understand the volume information.

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